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[REDACTED] Comment. The following is a translation of an instruction transmitted by the Surabaya Section Committee (Secom) of the Partai Komunis Indonesia (PKI) to its Sub-section Committees (Subsecoms) and its labor cadres,

Action to Strengthen the Struggle of the Laborers in East Java

A victory of the labor activity, organized and led by the Party fractions in the labor unions and SOBSI, can generally be seen in all districts.

Among the actions concerning the daily life and living necessities of the laborers are:

To increase the income or salary of the workers.

To protect the prestige of labor among the workers.

To secure the right of vacations, not yet granted to the workers.

To struggle for better housing for the workers.

To oppose the wholesale dismissal of workers.

To claim gratification (annual bonus), which is a right of the workers.

To claim dividends for the workers from particular industries with foreign capital.

To seek health security in every industry and office.

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Action to Achieve Fundamental Political Change

To seek the nationalization of vital industries such as:

Bataafsche Petroleum Maatschappij (BPM); Koninklijke Paketvaart Maatschappij (KPM); Garuda Indonesian Airways (GIA), which is 50% foreign capital¹; estates such as sugar estates, which are considered to provide advantage to the people and the country.

To seek the exchange of foreign management, which is not expert, for national management, which is capable.

To seek the abolition of the Dewan Perwakilan Rakjat (DPR) (Peoples Representative Councils) in districts where the workers are not represented. The action of the workers in assisting the Ali-Wongso Government in opposing the Darul Islam (DI) and other groups harmful to the people and the Government can be seen by the moral support given by the workers to the present Government.

The fundamental statement of the labor organizations demanding the return of West Irian to the Republic of Indonesia.

Labor's condemnation of the 17 October action, which failed in its coup attempt.

The effort of labor to get a seat on the General Election Committee.

These victories in extending and strengthening the influence of the organization are not yet consolidated, although we know that the extension of membership and organization of the laboring masses is for the most part led by members of the Party. This, however, still does not get sufficient attention from the Party committees, with the result that the improved new cadres, which require promotion, do not get good places. This situation retards the progressive plan.

The main cause of this state of affairs is that every situation the leaders face is not studied intensively nor do they learn enough from previous experience in leading actions. Consequently the leaders are not able to accomplish their goals, are not clever enough to extend the front organizations, consolidate their colleagues, and improve the new cadres. Although the objective situation in East Java is improving, the reform activities do not get sufficient attention nor are they yet resolved as they should be.

The leaders still do not know the meaning of reform activities and their connection with the principal activity. In fact, it is clear that the reform activities enlighten the lives and lessen the sufferings of the workers and the people. In organization work this idea is important to implant in the consciousness.

Therefore intensive discussions of some problems are necessary in order to:

- a. Achieve a common view and attitude.
- b. Exchange experiences in leading actions.
- c. Organize mass actions among the workers.
- d. Promote new cadres, place them in the labor actions, and attract them to enter the Party committees.

Finally, these views on the problem must be made material for intensive and extended discussions.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. According to a Djakarta radio announcement of 24 March 1954, a new contract valid for six years was signed on 24 March between the Indonesian Government and KLM, the Dutch air company, under which all GIA shares held by KLM will be bought by the Indonesian Government. This will make the Indonesian Government sole owner of GIA. Under the new contract, KLM will resign from the Board of Directors of GIA and the new management will be appointed by the Indonesian Government.

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